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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the First Committee

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to allocate item 110 to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work for 2009.

2. The First Committee considered the item at its 22nd meeting, on 31 October 2008 (see A/C.1/63/PV.22).

3. At the 22nd meeting, the Chairman made a statement and introduced the proposed programme of work.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its proposed programme of work and timetable for 2009 annexed to the present report.

5. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Proposed programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2009

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, approves the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2009, as contained in the annex to the report of the First Committee.

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Annex

Proposed programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2009

Programme meeting	*Dates*	*Number of meetings*
Meeting for the organization of work	Thursday, 1 October	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items[a]	Monday, 5 October, to Monday, 12 October	6
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Tuesday, 6 October, at 6 p.m.	
Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items, including:	Tuesday, 13 October, to Monday, 26 October	11
(a) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at previous sessions/presentation of reports		
(b) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and other high-level officials		
(c) Panel discussions and exchanges with independent experts[b]		
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions under all agenda items	Thursday, 15 October, at 12 noon	
Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items	Tuesday, 27 October, to Tuesday, 3 November	6

[a] A rolling list of speakers would be opened one month in advance of the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to a maximum of 10 minutes, and statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 15 minutes. The list would give priority to high-level representatives and should be regularly shared with the Committee so as to increase transparency.

[b] Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

Week	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*
28 September-2 October	28 September	29 September	30 September	1 October Afternoon	2 October
5-9 October	5 October Morning	6 October Morning	7 October Morning	8 October Morning	9 October Morning
12-16 October	12 October Afternoon	13 October Afternoon	14 October Afternoon	15 October Afternoon	16 October Afternoon
19-23 October	19 October Morning	20 October Morning and afternoon	21 October Morning	22 October Morning	23 October Afternoon
26-30 October	26 October Afternoon	27 October Afternoon	28 October Afternoon	29 October Afternoon	30 October Morning
2-6 November	2 November Morning	3 November Morning	4 November	5 November	6 November

The Committee will exercise flexibility on the scheduling of the meetings during the last two weeks of the session without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session.